

10-202.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an election judge shall be a registered voter who resides in the county for which the election judge is appointed.

(2) (i) If a qualified individual residing in the county cannot be found with reasonable effort, the local board may appoint a registered voter residing in any part of the State.

(ii) A minor at least 17 years old who is appointed to be an election judge and who is too young to be a registered voter shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the local board, that the minor meets all of the other qualifications for registration in the county.

(b) An election judge shall be able to speak, read, and write the English language.

(c) [(1) While serving as an election judge, an] AN election judge [may not hold, or be a candidate for, any other public or political party office.

(2) An election judge] may not engage in any partisan or political activity [while on duty in the polling place] THAT IS PROSCRIBED BY § 2-301 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(d) A local board may adopt guidelines consistent with the provisions of this title for the determination of the qualifications of persons considered for appointment and for the process of appointment as election judges. To the extent not inconsistent with this subtitle, the guidelines may provide for the appointment of an election judge, other than the chief judge, to serve for less than a full day and for the judge to be compensated, on a pro rata basis, in accordance with the fees set under § 10-205 of this subtitle for a judge serving a full day.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 10-202.

Subsection (c) of this section is revised for clarity and consistency with § 2-301 of this article.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined term: "Local board" § 1-101

10-203.

(a) The election director, with the approval of the local board, shall appoint the election judges for each polling place for a term that begins on the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before each statewide primary election.

(b) One or two election judges in each precinct shall:

(1) Be designated chief judge; and

(2) Supervise the staff at the polling place.